

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

United States of America

v.

Ronald Centeno

Date of Original Judgment: 7/30/2014
Date of Previous Amended Judgment: 9/15/2015
(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Any)

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Case No: 0419 3:12CR00385-001
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USM No: 27991-058
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Pro Se
Defendant's Attorney

**ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR SENTENCE REDUCTION
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)**

Upon motion of the defendant the Director of the Bureau of Prisons the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion, and taking into account the policy statement set forth at USSG §1B1.10 and the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent that they are applicable,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

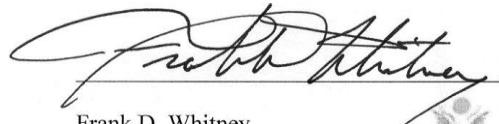
DENIED. GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed **aggregate** sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of 185 months **is reduced to** 168 months.

(See Page 2 for additional parts. Complete Parts I and II of Page 2 when motion is granted)

Except as otherwise provided, all provisions of the judgment dated 9/23/2015, shall remain in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: February 8, 2024


Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge


Effective Date:
(if different from order date)

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DEFENDANT: Ronald Centeno

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DISTRICT: Western District of North Carolina

I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (*Prior to Any Departures*)

Previous Total Offense Level: 27

Amended Total Offense Level: 27

Criminal History Category: IV

Criminal History Category: III

Previous Guideline Range: 100 to 125 months

Amended Guideline Range: 87 to 108 months

II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO THE AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE

- The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.
- The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a substantial assistance departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.
- The reduced sentence is above the amended guideline range.
- Other (explain): The aggregate reduced sentence is above the amended guideline range because it includes a 60-month consecutive sentence on Count 2.

III. FACTORS CONSIDERED UNDER USSG § 1B1.10 AND 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) (*See Chavez-Meza v. United States, 138 S.Ct. 1959 (2018)*)

Defendant is eligible for a reduction under Amendment 821 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines because his aggregate sentence of 185 months was based on a total offense level of 27 and a criminal history category of IV. Under revised Section 4A1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines, Defendant scores five criminal history points for a criminal history category of III and an amended guideline range of 87 to 108 months, plus 60 months consecutive on Count 2, which carries a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment. The Court has considered the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a) in rendering an appropriate reduced sentence and finds that a sentence of 168 months is sufficient but not greater than necessary to serve the purposes of sentencing.